

**MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
APRIL 17, 2007**

The April meeting of the Miami County was called to order by President Click. All recited the pledge to the flag.

**MINUTES**

Councilperson Mull moved to approve the March minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hunt and approved 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

The Highway Department was the first order of business brought before the Council. Sam Waltz explained to the members of the Council that the adjustments in their budgets he is requesting is because Major Moves funds cannot be used for engineering costs. He will be using the money from other funds to pay the engineering costs for the Business 31 project and place the major moves money into the budget for materials use. Mr. Waltz explained that it is not unusual to re adjust their budgets for this type of a situation. The request is to reduce \$100,000 from 205 (aggregate), \$70,000 from 205 (asphalt), and \$35,000 from 205 (chip & seal). Add \$200,000 to the Business 31 project and \$200,000 to Highway Materials.

A motion was made by Councilman Duckwall to allow the transfers of funds and the Major Moves money. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McAuliffe and passed 7-0.

There were some questions from the audience concerning how long it would be before the City of Peru annexes that portion of the road. Mr. Waltz said that is always a concern but it would take at least 2 years to complete the annexation process and he believes there would be some opposition to it by residents in that area.

Councilman Duckwall said he believes this project is good for the County. It is only 20% of the entire project and we would pay much more if we were to do the project on our own. Mr. Waltz agreed with Mr. Duckwall. Mr. Waltz explained that there were some core samples taken of the roadway to help them decide which way the work needs to be done.

Mr. Waltz introduced Janice Clemons. She is the Highway Departments new employee that will be taking Virginia Bennett's place when she retires.

#### REASSESSMENT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Nancy Gates explained that the Treasurer did a mailing to encourage taxpayers to pre pay their taxes. Mrs. Gates paid for the supplies and postage. The request was for \$5,170.21. A motion to approve the appropriation was made by Councilman Hunt. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Duckwall and passed 7-0.

#### LLC APPOINTMENT

Council President Click told the Council that an appointment to the LLC Board was over looked during re organization. Dale Cook is still getting information from them and it is his recommendation that Alan Hunt replace Mr. Cook on that Board. All agreed that this is only an oversight and agreed that Mr. Hunt replaces Mr. Cook.

#### AGENDA ISSUE

The Council discussed the issue of getting the Agenda on Thursday prior to the Tuesday meetings. It was decided that sometimes emergencies arise, but ordinarily nothing will be changed once the Agenda has been sent to them on Thursday.

The Council also wanted it noted that the normal meeting time would be 7:00 pm.

## DOG TAX ORDINANCE

David Grund gave the Council a draft of the Dog Tax Ordinance for review.

## DEAD ANIMALS ON ROADS

Councilperson Mull asked Commissioner Hawley what the County is doing about the animals killed on the roads. She said she does not like to see dead animals lying on or beside the roads. Mr. Waltz explained the process the Highway Department use to have when there was a vendor that picked up carcasses. Unfortunately the Highway Department no longer has that option and the DNR has changed their policy and will no longer pick up dead animals. No further action was taken.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Mull. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McAuliffe and passed 7-0.

Adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Weaver, Auditor